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1. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL A, THIS CABLE PROVIDES THE DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR USG POSITION ON NARCOTICS FOR THE JUNE 1-2 CONSORTIUM MEETING.
2. WE FEEL THAT REFTEL B, IS STILL VALID AND WE URGE ITS INCLUSION IN THE CONSORTIUM MEETING. IN LINE WITH THIS, WE ASK THAT DEPARTMENT REQUEST APPROPRIATE EMBAASSIES TO CONSULT WITH THE CONSORTIUM GOVERNMENTS, AND AUTHORIZE US TO INFORM THE GOP OF WHAT WE WILL SAY AT THE CONSORTIUM MEETING.
3. FOLLOWING DRAFT STATEMENT IS LARGELY A REPEAT OF STATEMENT SUGGESTED IN REFTEL (B): "NARCOTICS CONTROL IS RECOGNIZED AS IMPORTANT TO PAKISTAN AND TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONSORTIUM. THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ARE RELATED. PAKISTAN PRODUCES SEVERAL HUNDRED TONS OF OPIUM ANNUALLY, ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM POPPIES IN THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER

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PROVINCE. FARMERSIN SOME PARTS OF THIS UNDERDEVELOPED REGION OF PAKISTAN HAVE NO ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVE TO POPPY AS A CASH CROP. IN SPITE OF EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN ITSELF AND IN COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONAS TO CONTROL POPPY PRODUCTION, THE LACK OF DEVELOPMENT INFRA-STRUCTURE, CREDIT EXTENSION AND OTHER ECONOMIC PREREQUISITES

TO EFFICIENT CASH CROPPING HAS SERIOUSLY HAMPERED THE
REDUCTION OF POPPY CULTIVATION IN THE NWFP. A COMPRE-
HENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE NWFP WOULD BROADEN THAT
REGION'S ECONOMIC BASE AND HELP TO PROVIDE FARMERS WITH
ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES TO POPPY CULTIVATION. IN CONJUNCTION
WITH A STRONG ENFORCEMENT EFFORT, WHICH WE RECOGNIZE AS
ESSENTIAL, THIS WOULD REDUCE THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS INTO
CONSORTIUM COUNTRIES FROM PAKISTAN. IT WOULD ALSO CONSTITUTE
A SOCIALLY DESIRABLE ADDITION TO PAKISTAN'S DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY. WE URGE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN, IN
COOPERATION WITH CONSORTIUM COUNTRIES, PREPARE SUCH A COM-
PREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NWFP, WHICH WOULD HAVE
AS ONE OF ITS AIMS THE PROGRESSIVE SUBSTITUTION OF PRO-
FITABLE AND SOCIALLY DESIRABLE CROPS FOR POPPY PRODUCTION.
SUCH A PLAN WOULD PROVIDE A VEHICLE FOR INTERESTED DONORS
TO LEND SUPPORT TO BOTH DEVELOPMENT AND POPPY ERADICATION
EFFORTS. THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO HELP WITH SUCH
PLANNING AND WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED RURAL
DEVELOPMENT IN POPPY-GROWING AREAS AND TO COOPERATE WITH
OTHER CONSORTIUM COUNTRIES. WE HOPE OTHER DONORS WILL LEND
THEIR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO SUCH A MULTI-LATERAL EFFORT."
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